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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. - 29. (Canceled)

30. (New) A computer-implemented method for processing order information, the method comprising:

- receiving information associated with one or more item selection criteria;
- processing information associated with the one or more item selection criteria;
- selecting a first list of items from a second list of items based on at least information associated with the one or more item selection criteria, the second list of items being stored in a database, each of the second list of items representing a service or a product;
- receiving one or more item selections of one or more items from the first list of items;
- receiving one or more quantity values for the one or more items respectively;
- processing information associated with the one or more items and the one or more quantity values;
- determining one or more suppliers based on at least information associated with the one or more items and the one or more quantity values, the one or more suppliers being selected from a first list of suppliers.

31. (New) The method of claim 30 wherein the one or more item selection criteria comprise information related to whether a supplier has determined to supply to a purchaser.

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32. (New) The method of claim 31 wherein the one or more item selection criteria further comprises a minimum quantity, a freight charge, a sale term, and a price band.

33. (New) The method of claim 30 wherein the one or more item selection criteria are associated with at least information related to a purchaser identification and a purchase to be made.

34. (New) The method of claim 30, and further comprising:
receiving delivery information for the one or more items;
processing the delivery information.

35. (New) The method of claim 34 wherein the determining one or more suppliers based on at least information associated with the one or more items and the one or more quantity values comprises determining the one or more suppliers based on at least the delivery information.

36. (New) The method of claim 30 wherein the determining one or more suppliers based on at least information associated with the one or more items and the one or more quantity values comprises determining the one or more suppliers based on at least one or more required supplier geographic locations.

37. (New) The method of claim 30, and further comprising:
displaying a second list of suppliers;
receiving one or more supplier selections of the first list of suppliers from the second list of suppliers.

38. (New) The method of claim 30 wherein the first list of items comprises all items that satisfy at least the one or more item selection criteria in the second list of items, the items being either in stock or not in stock.

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39. (New) The method of claim 30 wherein at least one of the one or more suppliers provides the best price for at least one of the one or more items.

40. (New) The method of claim 39 wherein the best price is a base price or an effective price, the effective price taking into account at least one selected from a group consisting of freight, discount, and bonus.

41. (New) The method of claim 30, and further comprising transmitting one or more orders of the one or more items to the one or more suppliers.

42. (New) A system for processing order information, the system comprising:
one or more components configured to:
 receive information associated with one or more item selection criteria;
 process information associated with the one or more item selection
criteria;
 select a first list of items from a second list of items based on at least
information associated with the one or more item selection criteria, the second list of
items being stored in a database, each of the second list of items representing a service or
a product;
 receive one or more item selections of one or more items from the first list
of items;
 receive one or more quantity values for the one or more items
respectively;
 process information associated with the one or more items and the one or
more quantity values;
 determine one or more suppliers based on at least information associated
with the one or more items and the one or more quantity values, the one or more suppliers
being selected from a first list of suppliers.

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43. (New) The system of claim 42 wherein the one or more item selection criteria comprise information related to whether a supplier has determined to supply to a purchaser.

44. (New) The system of claim 43 wherein the one or more item selection criteria further comprises a minimum quantity, a freight charge, a sale term, and a price band.

45. (New) The system of claim 42 wherein the one or more item selection criteria are associated with at least information related to a purchaser identification and a purchase to be made.

46. (New) The system of claim 42 wherein the one or more components are further configured to:
receive delivery information for the one or more items;
process the delivery information.

47. (New) The system of claim 46 wherein the process to determine one or more suppliers based on at least information associated with the one or more items and the one or more quantity values comprises a process to determine the one or more suppliers based on at least the delivery information.

48. (New) The system of claim 42 wherein the process to determine one or more suppliers based on at least information associated with the one or more items and the one or more quantity values comprises a process to determine the one or more suppliers based on at least one or more required supplier geographic locations.

49. (New) The system of claim 42 wherein the one or more components are further configured to:

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display a second list of suppliers;
receive one or more supplier selections of the first list of suppliers from the
second list of suppliers.

50. (New) The system of claim 42 wherein the first list of items comprises all items that satisfy at least the one or more item selection criteria in the second list of items, the items being either in stock or not in stock.

51. (New) The system of claim 42 wherein at least one of the one or more suppliers provides the best price for at least one of the one or more items.

52. (New) The system of claim 51 wherein the best price is a base price or an effective price, the effective price taking into account at least one selected from a group consisting of freight, discount, and bonus.

53. (New) The system of claim 42 wherein the one or more components are further configured to transmit one or more orders of the one or more items to the one or more suppliers.